News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan.

It is also not been considered feasible to increase the duration of Parliament news in English and Hindi which is of 10 minutes duration each at present. Simple reading of Parliamentary news on Doordarshan does not make the programme visually rich. Moreover, All India Radio also covers Parliamentary news on the National network and repeating almost the same on the bulletin over Doordarshan during the same time span would not serve any additional purpose. As news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the time for the two National News Bulletins in the National Programme, any increase in the duration of the programme would also put pressure on the limited transmission time available with Doordarshan.

Allotment of flats/plots to the Delhi Development Authority staff

380. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any quota for officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority for allotment of plots and flats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of plots and flats so far allotted to officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority under the quota scheme; and

(d) whether any survey has been made to find out the number of plots and flats allotted to close relatives of officers and staff of DDA by misuse of this facility, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Expenditure on cyclone relief works in Andhra Pradesh

381. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanctioning an additional amount of Rs. 449.60 lakhs spent by the State Government over and above the ceilings of the expenditure approved by the Government of India for providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of cyclone of November, 1984;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has also requested the Central Government to extend the time limit for incurring the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation of those affected by November, 1984 cyclones upto 31st March, 1986 instead of 31st December, 1985;

(c) whether the Government of India have acceded to the above requests of the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the ceiling of expenditure by Rs. 449.60 lakhs has been considered by Government of India and it has been decided not to reopen the case since the ceilings were fixed

on the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon. The extension of time limit however, has been granted upto 31st March, 1986, for utilising the ceiling of expenditure approved for 'irrigation' and 'repair of roads' for the year 1984-85 and 1985-86.

cyclone relief works in Andhra Pradesh

382. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to the suggestion of the Andhra Pradesh Government for utilisation of funds meant for special nutrition programme for cyclone relief works of November, 1968 in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) An item like special nutrition programme aims at providing immediate succour to the poorer section of society. As such, the amount specifically earmarked for special nutrition programme cannot be allowed to be diverted. The High Level Committe on Relief while considering the matter of inter-sectoral diversion also opined that such diversions should not be allowed as it would amount to deviating from the established principles.

Andhra Pradesh irrigation project

383. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the loans granted by the World Bank and International Development Association to finance the Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project;

(b) what is the additional area likely to be irrigated by this project;

(c) what is the estimated increase in the annual value of crop production; and

(d) by when the project is schedule to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The World Bank has agreed to provide a total assistance of U.S. dollars 271.0 million for Andhra Pradesh Irrigation-II Project.

(b) The additional area likely to be irrigated is 2,28,000 hectares.

(c) The estimated increase in the annual value of crop production is Rs. 18153 lakhs.

(d) The project is scheduled to be completed by 1993.

Foodgrains for rural employment programmes in Andhra Pradesh

384. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat and rice respectively allocated to Andhra Pradesh for the national rural employment programmes during 1985-86;

(b) what is the number of man-days proposed to be created under the NREP in the State; and

(c) whether this is likely to meet the requirements of the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A quantity of 18,300 MTs. of rice was allocated to Andhra Pradesh under NREP as a normal allocation and a